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Utahns Encouraged to Buy Flood Insurance *Coverage Ensures Protection From Flooding*

Conditions are prime for spring flooding across parts of the State of Utah. With above normal snow-packs across most of our northern mountains, flooding is a real possibility. Buying flood insurance is the best thing you can do to protect your home, your business, your family and your financial security.

Why buy flood insurance?

- Losses due to flooding are not covered under typical homeowner's and business insurance policies. You should buy a separate policy covering floods.
- When floods destroy homes, owners are left without a place to live, but are still obligated to pay off their mortgages.
- Flood insurance protects the equity built up in a person's property, covers damage from flooding, and helps the insured recover quickly and completely after a flood.

Who should buy flood insurance?

- No home is safe from flooding. Floods occur in every part of the nation and are the most common natural disaster in the U.S. There is a 26 percent chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage, compared to a 4 percent chance of fire.
- Flood insurance is available in most communities within Utah.

What does flood insurance cover?

- Flood insurance compensates you for all covered losses up to \$250,000 for a home and \$500,000 for a business.
- You can depend on being reimbursed for flood damages even if the President does not declare a federal disaster.

How do I purchase flood insurance?

- Contact your insurance agent now. There is a 30-day waiting period for new policies.
- For an agent referral, call FEMA's National Floodplain Insurance Program at 1-800-720-1093.

How much does flood insurance cost?

- The average flood insurance policy costs a little more than \$337 a year for about \$100,000 of coverage. Some policies cost a little more than \$100 a year.
- Compare \$300 a year to the roughly \$300 a month over several years it takes to repay a \$50,000 flood-related loan from the Small Business Administration. The savings in money and misery are obvious.

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